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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento—Norovirus Prompts Closure of Three Sacramento County Schools

(U) Thirty-three students, five teachers and several parents in the Elverta Joint Elementary School District have become infected with norovirus, according to the district superintendent. Parents of children at Elverta Elementary School, Alpha Middle School and Alpha Charter School were being asked to pick their students up immediately, and as a precaution, all three schools will be closed until 8 May as janitorial crews work to clean the schools.

SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [KCRA](#)

(U) San Diego—Over 140 Charged in Countywide Gang Crackdown

(U) A crackdown on violent street gangs in San Diego County over the last three months resulted in federal charges against more than 140 gang members and associates, many of whom are accused of terrorizing neighborhoods with shootings, robberies and other crimes, authorities said on 3 May. More than 60 firearms and 30 pounds of methamphetamine, plus cash and other illicit drugs, were seized by law enforcement during four long-term gang investigations. The most recent charges, unsealed this week in federal court, involve the prosecution of 16 members and associates of the Escondido-based Diablos street gang, who are responsible for more than 25 gang-related shootings, among other crimes, in the last year.

SOURCE: 3 May 2017, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia—TSA Warns Against Vehicle-Ramming Attacks

(U) Washington—The Transportation Security Administration released a report yesterday warning of the threat of vehicle ramming attacks by terrorists with the intention to inflict death, injury and property damage, specifically in highly populated areas. The report, which shares guidance to the trucking and bus industry on countermeasures to combat the danger, notes that "from 2014 through 2017, terrorists carried out 17 known vehicle ramming attacks worldwide, resulting in 173 fatalities and 667 injuries."

SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Illinois—Gang Members Believed to be Responsible for Shooting Officers

(U) Chicago—Members of the La Raza street gang are believed to be responsible for shooting two Chicago Police tactical officers earlier this week, with one of the gunmen using a .223-caliber rifle, most likely an assault weapon such as an AR-15, according to law enforcement sources. The officers were in an unmarked tactical van investigating a prior gang-related shooting when their van was riddled with bullets just after 9 p.m. on 2 May. Police are investigating whether the shooters were tipped off about where the officers were or whether they were randomly targeted.

SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [Chicago Sun-Times](#)

(U) Ohio—'Gray Death' is the Latest Opioid Street Mix Causing Concern

(U) Columbus—A new and dangerous opioid combo nicknamed "gray death" is being detected by

investigators in Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio. The drug—which looks like concrete mix and varies in consistency—is a combination of several opioids blamed for thousands of fatal overdoses nationally, including heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and a synthetic opioid called U-47700. Gray death ingredients and their concentrations are unknown to users, making it particularly lethal, according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The bureau has received 50 overdose cases in the past three months involving gray death.

SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New York—‘El Chapo’ to Remain in Solitary Confinement, US Judge Rules

(U) Columbus—Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman will remain in solitary confinement in a federal prison in New York City, a US judge ruled yesterday, although he will be allowed to send pre-screened messages to his wife for personal reasons and to help mount his legal defense. Guzman is restricted to his cell for 23 hours a day, with the lights on at all times, and has not been allowed to speak to his wife or other family members. Guzman's court-appointed lawyers' request that Guzman be released into the general prison population was denied due to his two past escapes from Mexican prisons. The judge also ruled against Guzman being able to communicate with potential witnesses, citing his "alleged history of witness intimidation."

SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Brazil—Eight ISIS Supporters Jailed for Olympic Plot

(U) Rio de Janeiro— A Brazilian federal judge has imprisoned eight ISIS supporters who planned to conduct a chemical attack during the 2016 Rio Olympics. The men—all Brazilian nationals—were using the Internet, particularly social media platforms Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, in an attempt to connect with ISIS members in order to coordinate attacks against gay people, Shiite Muslims, Jews and foreigners during the Olympics, the judge said. The men were arrested the day before the Olympic opening ceremony as part a joint anti-terrorism investigation with the FBI called Operation Hashtag.

SOURCE: 5 May 2017, [UPI](#)

(U) Syria—Government ‘Producing Chemical Weapons at Research Facilities’

(U) Damascus—Syria's government is continuing to make chemical weapons in violation of a 2013 deal to eliminate them, according to a Western intelligence agency. The intelligence document obtained by the media says Syria's chemical weapons are manufactured at three sites: Masyaf, in Hama province, and at Dummar and Barzeh, both just outside Damascus. All three are branches of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), which the document alleges is manufacturing the chemicals in closed sections, despite monitoring of the sites by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [BBC](#)

SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas—Border Patrol Rescues 18 Immigrants From Refrigerated Truck

(U) Falfurrias—US Customs and Border Protection agents saved 18 immigrants on 3 May who were locked inside a cold tractor trailer at the Falfurrias checkpoint, according to a news release. The agents conducted the rescue after the refrigerated tractor trailer went under a secondary inspection following a K-9 alert. The immigrants were found near a load of produce, with the temperature of the tractor trailer set to 51 degrees. The immigrants—hailing from countries including Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Kosovo—had no way of getting out of the trailer, as it was locked from the

outside, and agents had to use bolt cutters to open the trailer since the driver did not have a key.
SOURCE: 4 May 2017, [San Antonio Express-News](#)

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